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Please Join
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Temple B'rith Sholom
Temple Israel

For a special Legacy Shabbat Service
honoring our Legacy Donors and the successful conclusion to
our first year's participation in **LIFE & LEGACY™**



Tu B'Shevat
Friday, February 10, 2017
5:30 pm
at
Temple B'rith Sholom

Shabbat Dinner immediately following services

\$18.00 per person

Catered by Maldaner's

Baked Cod with Olives and Capers, Tu B'Shevat Salad with Pomegranate Dressing,
Rice Pilaf, Vegetable, Dessert

Vegetarian/Gluten Free Option Available. Bring your own wine if you like.

Please RSVP for dinner by Monday, February 6, 2017

to Debbie Weiner 217-546-7117 or drweiner@sbcglobal.net.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I'm sure most members of our Federation are aware of the United Nations Security Council vote concerning Israel (UN Resolution 2344) that took place in December and the US abstention on the vote as well as the subsequent speech on the subject delivered by then Secretary of State John Kerry. While as individuals we each may have opinions as to whether or not we agree in full, partially, or not at all with the decisions made by the United States, as a Federation we did not take an official position.

However, Federation, in conjunction with the Jewish Community Relations Council, has taken the approach that a major responsibility to our membership is informational. This is why you should have received email communication from us in early January with links to many different articles and opinion pieces on the subject that represented various views. This was put together by our emergency response team of JCRC Chair, JCRC Israel committee Chairs, Temple Rabbis, Federation Executive Director, and Federation President. We feel strongly that it is important for each of us to maintain full knowledge on any and all matters of such importance to Israel, and our Federation and JCRC will always do their best to help facilitate this.

Similarly, there are many different opinions within our community as to various policies of the Israeli government. Our Federation's commitment and support of Israel is steadfast regardless of a specific government or policies put forward by the government. The dollars raised locally by our Federation, and nationally by our Federation network, that go to Israel are strictly to assist in the tremendous social service needs of Israel – not the government. In this respect it is no different than money that is raised and distributed locally, nationally, or to other Jewish communities internationally outside of Israel: We help Jews in need regardless of where they are. We, as a community, have done this for generations and with your help will continue to do it for generations to come. Simply, it is what we do.

As always, we are indebted to each one of you for enabling us to do this important work. Thank you for being a partner in this.

Barry Seidman, *Federation President*

SAVE THE DATE

A Weekend with Arthur M. Feldman

Art historian, gallery owner and art appraiser

March 24, 6:30 pm, Temple B'rith Sholom—Art in the Jewish Tradition:

Join us after services for a lecture on the symbols, ceremonies, and accompanying ritual art of the Jewish cultural heritage

March 25, 7 pm, Temple Israel—Judaica in Your Attic:

Find out more about that special object tucked away in your attic or inherited from a relative during this informative presentation. Join us for a reception and enlightening program about our individual and community treasures.



Arthur M. Feldman is an independent professional appraiser for over 25 years with museum experience, having worked in curatorial and directorial capacities at the Victoria and Albert Museum, in London, England; the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC; the Spertus Museum, Chicago, Illinois and the Miller Museum, Tulsa, Oklahoma. In addition, he has lectured on collecting antiques and Judaica throughout the nation. His knowledge base covers the full gamut of fine art and antiques.

The Senior Committee of the Jewish Federation
of Springfield Presents:



**Chaverim
Tu B'Shvat Party**

Join with your Chaverim for a
Tu B'shvat Seder to celebrate the
New Year of Trees. We will give thanks for
the fruits of the earth as we look forward
to the beginning of Spring!

**Tuesday, February 7, 2016
10:00 am - 11:00 am**

**Join us and partake of the seven species!
\$3.00 per person**

The Jewish Federation office
1045 Outer Park Drive, Suite 320
(American Red Cross building)

Park on the east side where there is a ramp. West door is
now kept locked. If you need assistance when you arrive,
call us. Let us know if you need a ride:
we will pick you up!

RSVP by Friday, Feb. 3, to Linda Morrison
787-7223 x 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org

The Senior Committee of the Jewish Federation
of Springfield Presents:

KNOSH & KNOWLEDGE

“The Art of the Brew”



Brent Schwoerer
Brewmaster

**Wednesday, February 22
11am—Noon**



Engrained Brewing Company
1120 W. Lincolnshire Blvd.
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RSVP by Friday, February 17 to
787-7223 ext. 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org.



**THROUGH
A JEWISH
LENS** an Exhibition of
Our Community
Photographers

February 27 through March 6, 2017 at the Springfield Art Association

The Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois presents

Photographers featured include:

David Brodsky, Edward Haber, Howard Hammel, Steve Rambach, and Melvin Taff.

An Opening Reception will be held

Monday, February 27, 2017

5:30 - 7:30 pm

M.G. Nelson Family Gallery

Springfield Art Association

700 N. 4th Street, Springfield, Illinois

Through a Jewish Lens will be on display

February 27 - March 6, 2017

during regular working hours

(M-F 9-5, Sa 10-3).



FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 4:45 pm Hebrew 7:30 pm Fed. Bd. Mtg.	2	3 5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Service	4 9 am TI Service 10 am TBS Service
5 9:30 am Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School 5 pm B'nai B'rith Super Bowl Party	6 6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	7 10 am Chaverim Party	8 4:45 pm Hebrew	9 7 pm "The Ethical Life" @ TI	10 5:30 pm Joint Fed/Temples Thank You Service & Dinner	11 9 am TI Service
12 9:30 am Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School	13 12 pm TI Talmud Class Lincoln's Birthday	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i> 10:30 am TBS S'HD Bd Mtg 1 pm TI S'HD Book Club Valentine's Day	15 4:45 pm Hebrew 7:30 pm TI Bd Mtg	16 TI S'HD Mtg	17 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	18 9 am TI Service
19 9:30 am Hebrew 10:15 am Religious 3-5 pm Chai Tea @ TBS 5:30 pm TBS Exec Bd Mtg	 20 12 pm TI Talmud Class President's Day	21 7:30 pm SBJE Bd Mtg	22 11 am Knosh & Knowledge 4:45 pm Hebrew 6 pm Hadassah Mtg	23	24 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	25 9 am TI Service
26 9:30 am Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School 11:30 am TBS S'HD Mtg	27 12 pm TI Talmud Class 5:30 pm Fed. Jewish Photography Exhibit Opening	28 7:15 pm TBS Bd Mtg 7:30 pm Fed Exec Bd Mtg				
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GENTLY USED SHOES

By Elissa GoldbergBelle

As part of B'rit Yisrael's ongoing Tzedakah focus, we are collecting Gently Used Shoes at both congregations. Located in each lobby at both buildings is a large white and green box. Please drop in your shoes. At the end of the year, or when both boxes are filled, we will consolidate the shoes from each location and send them back to the Jewishly owned business that collects them. We receive compensation for the collection which we in turn will donate back to the Springfield community.



The shoes in turn are sent on to working partners to the project in South America and sold. This project is a win-win-win for the environment, B'rit Yisrael and Springfield, and small South American entrepreneurs who sell the shoes that helps feed their families.

Thank you for your participation. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 217-698-9727 or the Springfield Board of Jewish Education. The board is composed of Adrienne Daniels, president, Rabbi Marks, Rabbi Datz, Sharon Star, Josh Stern, Selma Melamed and Rae Lipsky.

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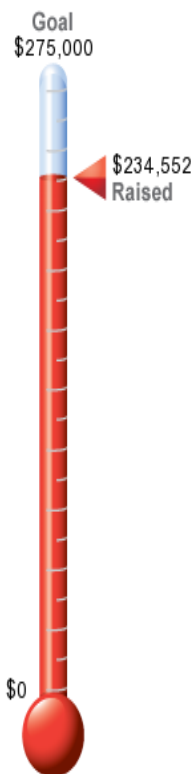
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- \$1,200 - \$1,999

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- \$500-\$749
- \$175-\$499
- Up to \$174

2017 FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL BY MAKING YOUR PLEDGE TODAY!

SUPER SUNDAY – Super Thank You!

The best laid plans . . . sometimes change. It was Friday the 13th, ice storm warnings dominated the weekend's weather forecast. We worried about dedicated volunteers driving on ice to Bank of Springfield to make calls on Sunday, January 15th. We considered rescheduling. Instead, with special appreciation to our creative and tech savvy Super Sunday Chair, **Susan Nightingale**, we thought why not try "Super Sunday Remote?"

Super Sunday is the day we set aside to talk with as many people as possible about Federation and ask for their campaign pledge to support Federation. We kicked off and ended with a conference call. Callers received animated messages throughout the two hours and texted their fundraising totals back to "headquarters." All in all, it was a successful day. Thank you to Super Sunday volunteers **Fred Benson, Alan Cherrick, Pat Chesley, Howard Chodash, Lisa GoldbergBelle, Rachel Hinkle, Cary Israel, Ted LeBlang, Ralph Loewenstein, Anne Morgan, Betsy Salus, Gloria Schwartz, Bob and Natalie Silverman, Josh, Stern, Adrienne Swartz, and Mark Wancket.** And, thanks all of you who have pledged to this year's campaign before, during or after Super Sunday.

The Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois presents

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Special Features
Parade of Hats
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

3:00-5:00 pm

at

Temple B'rith Shalom

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- ◆ Patrick Groth, *Incredibly Delicious*
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- ◆ Ozma Rahman
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\$25 in advance (\$30 at door)

\$20 each for table of 8 (paid in advance)

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RSVP by Monday, February 13

217-787-7223 ext. 18

rsvp@shalomspringfield.org

Proceeds to benefit our Senior and Social Service Programs

This event is sponsored by

**Bank of Springfield; Michael K. Armour, CPA, CFP; Hickory Glen Active Senior Living;
Rishi Tea; and Signature Event Rentals**

Save the Date

15th Annual Federation Gala Wine Tasting

Saturday, April 29, 2017

5:30 pm

at

Maldaner's Restaurant

Featuring a wide selection of wines from around the world
accompanied by gourmet hors d'oeuvres.

This fundraiser benefits programs of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, IL



From the Springfield Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)

Dr. Stephen Stone and Natalie Silverman recently returned from a JCPA Leadership Mission to Israel. Below is their report on one of their visits.

One of our most interesting stops was in Tzfat, where the Ziv Medical Center is located just 19 miles from the Syrian border. The area surrounding Tzfat is home to Druze, Arab Christians and Jews. A little less than four years ago, the trauma team at this 331-bed hospital was called in to treat seven wounded Syrians. This was a first: the staff had never treated “the enemy” before, and the Syrians had never received treatment from “the enemy”. Today, more than 700 Syrian patients have received care at Ziv Medical Center, brought there under cover of night from the border by the IDF. The cost of caring for the Syrians to date has been \$5 million, which has been almost entirely funded by the Israeli government. There has been no funding from the UN, but some prosthetic devices have been contributed by the International Red Cross. Since this quiet humanitarian effort began, Israeli hospitals and hospital personnel, especially those in the north, have treated over 2500 Syrian men, women and children. As of early December, there were 10 Syrians in house. 9 are in intensive care (only 18 bed intensive care unit). They average 17 days in the hospital. The Syrians have an overwhelming feeling that the world doesn’t care.

We had the opportunity to hear from **Dr. Michael Harari** and a psychologist who are working with Syrians injured in that country’s civil war – and a couple of patients as well. “Blast injuries are awful”, according to Dr. Harari “and recognizing the human hand behind them has been difficult to come to grips with.” I saw a young Syrian about 20 years old who had had his hand blown off and actually had a new hand – just a thumb and finger actually – constructed from the ends of his two forearm bones. Not a true hand, but a way he could grip things.

Dr. Harari also shared a story with us about an 8 year old child that was brought in with her mother. Both sustained multiple injuries. The child and her mom were hanging out wash in the backyard when a bomb landed. The mother was being treated in an adult ward...the child in a pediatric ward. The child was terrorized and wouldn’t eat. She hid under a blanket and wouldn’t respond. She was suffering from multiple injuries that required changing dressing that was very painful and was showing signs of PTSD. The medical staff decided to reunite mom and child and treat both in the pediatrics ward. The child and the mother improved significantly with just this change of location.

So how did such an amazing effort come about? How did the army come to its strategic decision to help those who are severely injured at its border? We learned from **Lt. Col. (reserves) Marco Moreno** that 4 years ago the rebels began a conversation thru the border fence with the IDF soldiers. They indicated that they would prevent the terror organization from infiltrating the border. The Israelis asked what they needed. They needed medical care, as 70% of their medical community had left Syria, and they had civilians and soldiers suffering from blast injuries, war wounds and amputations. Thus, under cover of night, the injured were transferred over the border. To date, there has not been a single shot fired from land held by the rebels. The humanitarian effort has now been enlarged, and they are bringing in busloads of Syrian children with chronic diseases for treatment. This has all been done very quietly, but in 2015 CNN had a short segment and recently NBC carried the story. Click on the links below or cut and paste into your home browser.

NBC

<http://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news/video/how-one-israeli-border-hospital-is-treating-wounded-syrians-849979971727>

CNN

<http://edition.cnn.com/2015/05/11/middleeast/israel-hospital-treatment-for-syrians/>

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Movie Casting Call - For the Lead in a new Steven Spielberg Film

Do you know a 6 to 9 year old boy who is "truly special, gifted, curious & intelligent with a mischievous streak who appears to be Jewish & Italian." No experience necessary.

For more information about the Amblin Entertainment casting call on Sunday, February 12th in Chicago, please call the Federation office (787-7223).

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SAGE NOTES

Dear Mr. Grinspoon,

The Springfield Jewish community thanks you for the opportunity to participate in the LIFE & LEGACY™ program that helps ensure a Jewish future. We took your challenge, acted on your vision, and succeeded. Proudly, Jewish Federation of Springfield, Temple B'rith Sholom, and Temple Israel each earned the \$5000 incentive grant that the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF) offered for obtaining eighteen legacy commitments over the past year. We are grateful to HGF and its partner, Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), for extending the program to small Federation communities.

We heard about the program in November 2015 and worked with representatives from both temples to submit the application in December 2015. We wondered how the discussions between the two temples about a joint future would affect the application and, if chosen, the program. We appreciated that that HGF and JFNA trusted us, believed in us, and gave us this opportunity along with seven other Federations.

A year ago, when HGF's Arlene Schiff trained small Federation executive directors, asked myself whether it was really possible for each of the organizations. to receive eighteen new legacy gifts. I pondered how we would work together to pursue common, yet independent goals. Would we be able to meet the program goal? When the legacy teams came together for the first training, the discussion yielded an answer. Some wise person noted that every new legacy gift was one more than existed previously, and we could each receive a \$5000 incentive grant at the year's end. Since then, we continue to learn from each other, whenever we are together for formal training or to work collaboratively.

LIFE & LEGACY is an all-win situation for us. It emphasizes the importance of legacy giving and provides tools to ensure a Jewish future in our small community. We have made presentations at meetings, responded to requests, and have met individually with potential legacy donors. LIFE & LEGACY has opened the possibility of legacy giving to our entire community. As a result, we've grown our endowments by securing letters of intent that include bequests in will, and percentages of IRA's and insurance policies as well as qualifying cash donations.

We are planning a Legacy Shabbat Service in mid-February to pay tribute to all our legacy donors - those who had the foresight to commit to a legacy gift before LIFE & LEGACY, those who made their commitment within the last year, and those who are considering a legacy gift.

Mr. Grinspoon, your generosity is deeply appreciated and has made a difference for our community. We are looking forward to continuing our success in year two.

Nancy Sage, *Executive Director*

Condolences to the family
and friends of Alan and Harriet Josephson
on the passing of Alan's brother,
Dr. Mark Josephson
Z"l

MAZEL TOV

TO:

Alex Rabin, on his appointment as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Genie Melamed, a junior at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, has been accepted into the political science honors program. She has exceeded the required 3.5 GPA.

Hunter Gross, on being a nominee for an ACE (American Cinema Editors) Eddie Award for his film editing work on Anthony Bourdain's Parts Unknown. This is his third nomination. Hunter is married to Amy Abramowitz, daughter of Joel & Joni Abramowitz.

Fred & Terri Benson, on the marriage of Sandra Benson to Adrian Smith.

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(787-7223) YOUR MAZEL TOVS.

February 5
5 pm

B'nai B'rith

SUPER BOWL PARTY

At the home of
Lori & Howard Hammel
3900 Vanderbilt Circle
Springfield, IL

Chilli & desserts provided.
Please bring snacks.



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